

# TERRE HAUTE

A LEVEL ABOVE

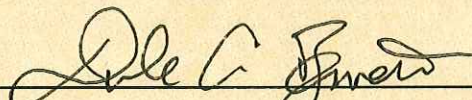
## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Childhood cancers make up less than 1% of all cancers diagnosed each year; about 11,630 children in the United States under the age of 15 will be diagnosed with cancer in 2013, and childhood cancer rates have been rising slightly for the past few decades; and
- WHEREAS:** because of major treatment advances in recent decades, more than 80% of children with cancer now survive 5 years or more, and overall, this is a huge increase since the mid-1970s when the 5 year survival rate was less than 60%; and
- WHEREAS:** different types of cancer can behave very differently; they grow at different rates and respond to different treatments. That is why children with cancer need treatment that is aimed at their particular kind of cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** cancer is the second leading cause of death in children younger than 15 years old (after accidents) and about 1,310 children are expected to die from cancer in 2013.
- WHEREAS:** about one if 500 young adults is a childhood cancer survivor, and nearly 2/3 of the survivors later experience significant and chronic medical problems or develop secondary cancers as adults that result from the treatment of their original cancer.
- NOW, THEREFORE:** I, Duke A. Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim September 2013, as

## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 11th day of September, 2013.



  
Duke A. Bennett, Mayor

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